

## JICA participates in the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings



The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) mission, led by Senior Vice President Koichi Hasegawa, visited Washington D.C. from April 8-14 to participate in the *2019 Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group* to explore further partnership opportunities and enhance donor coordination to achieve shared goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mr. Hasegawa was accompanied by Senior Vice President Hiroshi Kato, Vice President Takao Toda, Vice President Nobuko Kayashima, and the Director of JICA's Research Institute, Izumi Ohno. The delegation held a series of bilateral meetings with Finance Ministers, as well as senior managers from the World Bank and IMF. Through these meetings, Mr. Hasegawa exchanged views on how to address common challenges, such as enhancing human capital, addressing gender inequality, mitigating and adapting to climate change, and securing debt sustainability.



*Senior Vice President Hiroshi Kato meets with delegates from South Sudan in a bilateral meeting*

Mr. Kato also discussed with World Bank senior officials and African Finance Ministers about opportunities to enhance JICA's partnerships with them to prepare for [the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development \(TICAD 7\)](#), which will take place in Yokohama, Japan on August 28-30, 2019. Additionally, on April 11, Mr. Kato participated in a partner round table to discuss the [Digital Moonshot for Africa](#), where he expressed strong support for the initiative.

On April 12, on behalf of President Shinichi Kitaoka, who was appointed as a Human Capital Champion by the World Bank President to advocate for the importance of investing in human capital, Dr. Toda participated in a Human Capital Champion event within the framework of the World Bank's [Human Capital Project](#). At the event, Dr. Toda introduced JICA's contributions to improve human capital globally and promised to work on expanding JICA's investments in Africa.

On April 13, Dr. Kayashima participated in an event, called *Maximizing the Effectiveness of Financing for Education*, where she emphasized the importance of strengthening JICA's partnerships to diversify its funding resources and seek effective interventions that will provide improve learning outcomes at scale.



*Vice President Nobuko Kayashima (second from left) participates in the Maximizing the Effectiveness of Financing for Education event*

Lastly, the mission and senior managers of the World Bank Group, under the World Bank's new President, reaffirmed the importance of maintaining and strengthening partnerships in various areas of development to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.